

Madam or Sir:

Satellite radio finally allows the American public to have a choice in what they listen to. All too often big media companies have gobbled up local radio stations and forced listeners into a particular mind set simply by owning nearly all of the radio stations in a market. It was not until I became a satellite radio subscriber that I was satisfied that I really had a choice.

If XM and its competitors in the satellite radio market wish to provide their subscribers with local traffic and weather, why on Earth would we stop them? NAB's petition 04-160 appears to be a tool of the big media companies to force unfair practices claiming that they own the rights to provided local content, which is ironic since the same few companies own most local radio stations anyway.

I urge the FCC to not allow this action to continue. Allow satellite radio providers to freely provide useful content to their subscribers.